PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 424 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

As originally filed, House Bill No. 424 would have appropriately provided local public housing authority boards with more flexibility and would have made state standards for tenant representation conform with current federal standards.

An amendment added to House Bill No. 424 would have imposed a restriction on a housing board's ability to hire legal counsel. This overly broad and unnecessary restriction could lead to the boards receiving less effective, and more costly, legal representation.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

RICK PERRY Governor of Texas PERRY

ATTESTED BY:

GWYN SHEA Secretary of State FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 7:30 PM O'CLOCK

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